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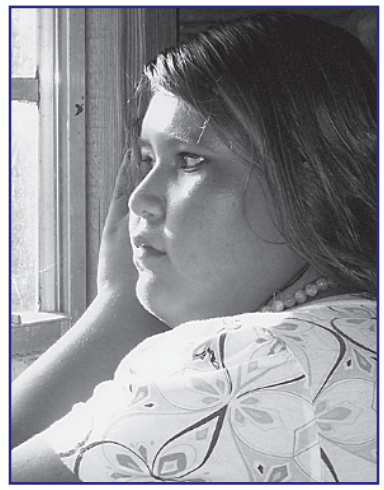

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Royalty to be crowned at Chickasaw Princess Pageant

Everyone is invited to enjoy wonderful presentations and performances by a number of exceptional young Chickasaw ladies during this year's Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

Chickasaw royalty for 2008-2009 will be crowned at the pageant. This year's pageant is set for Monday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m., at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center in Ada.

Contestants will present in the talent, traditional Chickasaw dress, written essay, interviewing skills, random questioning, and poise categories.

The new royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across the country.

The 2007-2008 Chickasaw royalty who will be retiring their crowns are Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi; Chickasaw Junior Princess Catie Newport; and Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker. These young ladies have represented their tribe very well during their reigns.

Chickasaw Princess participants are ages 17 to 23; Chickasaw Junior Princess, 12 to 16; and Little Miss Chickasaw, seven to 11. This year's Chickasaw Princess candidate is Carla Lane.

In the Chickasaw Junior Princess category, the participants are Brittney Frazier, Julie Underwood and Fichik Hita Frazier.

Little Miss Chickasaw participants are Maegan Carney, Andrea Underwood, Krysten Wallace and Chelsea Wedlow.

All royalty participants are required to be residents of the Chickasaw Nation and have a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum.

Chickasaw royalty hopefuls are also required to write an essay, and submit three letters of reference from non-relatives plus a 5x7 self-portrait.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, contact Toni Castleberry at (580) 272-7710, or email toni.castleberry@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Princess Candidate

Carla Lane

Carla Lane

Carla Danell Lane is the 22-year-old daughter of J.D. and Janett Lane.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Princess"

Chin chukma, my name is Carla Lane and I am 22 years old, and I would like to be the 2008-2009 Chickasaw Princess because I think it would be a great honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation. It would mean a great deal to me to be able to represent my tribe, and serve as a goodwill ambassador for others in the Chickasaw Nation.

I would like to travel to other places and meet other Princesses and learn about their tribes and their people, as well as to travel to other places and share my knowledge with them about the Chickasaw Nation. Since I was a little girl I have always dreamed of one day being the Chickasaw Princess.

I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess because I think it would be a great honor to be able to hold the title, and I would do the best to my ability to serve as a role model for other young Chickasaw people, and be someone they would look up to. I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess because that would be a great opportunity to learn even more about my heritage and learn more of the Chickasaw language and I think that would be a good way to return and share what I know with others, and teach them, and keep it going and share with other youth and help them learn the language and keep it alive, so they can keep it going.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Candidates

Brittney Frazier

Brittney Frazier

Brittney Dawn Frazier is the 15-year-old daughter of Sherri McManus and Ron Frazier. She is a sophomore at Latta High School. She is of the Chickasaw/Choctaw/Creek/Seminole heritage. Her hobbies include singing her favorite songs and hanging out with her friends at the movies.

" Why I would like to be a Chickasaw Junior Princess"

It would be very special to me to represent the Chickasaw Nation as the Chickasaw Junior Princess. I am an outgoing person who enjoys meeting and learning about new people. I believe that anyone fortunate enough to represent the tribe in this manner would gain an increased sense of pride and also a direction for their life. I would use this valuable experience as the Chickasaw Junior Princess to continue to have the right outlook on life.

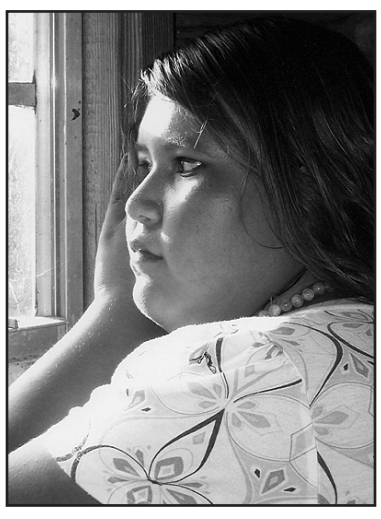
There is so much to learn about the Chickasaw Nation's culture and this would be a great opportunity for me to learn and be involved in it.

This opportunity would continue to help me develop into the role model I would like to be.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity and consideration of Chickasaw Junior Princess!

Brittney Dawn Frazier

Fichik Hita Frazier



Fichik Hita Frazier

Dancing Star Frazier is the 15-year-old daughter of George and Sonya Frazier. She is a sophomore at Ada High School.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma,

My name is Dancing Star Frazier. I want to be your 2008-2009 Chickasaw Junior Princess.

I'm a sophomore at Ada High School and was selected the J.O.M. student of the year in 2008 and served as president of the Native Spirit Club.

I want to show how much being a Chickasaw native means to me. I'm the daughter of George and Sonya Frazier. This is my third year to run and I am proud to say that every year I run it's a great experience to meet new people and to make new friends.

My goal is to show my peers that being a Native American means there is something special about yourself and that you can achieve anything if you put your heart and soul into it. If elected I will represent the Chickasaw Nation in all that I do and every where I go.

Thank you,

Dancing Star (Fichik hita) Frazier

Julie Underwood

Julie Underwood

Julie Leshell Underwood is the 13-year-old daughter of Darrell and Linda Underwood. She is an eighth grader at Mill Creek (OK) Junior High School.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Junior Princess"

Chukma

My name is Julie Underwood. I attend Mill Creek Jr. High and I am in the eighth grade. I have always lived in Reagan, Oklahoma with my parents Darrell and Linda Underwood. I have one older sister and three older brothers; I also have one niece and three nephews. My grandparents are Lillian Underwood and the late Andrew H. Underwood.

I have been on the superintendent and principal's honor roll since the first grade, and the academic and scholastic team and on the Chickasaw Governor Honor roll since the third grade. I have many awards for academics and sports. I am the vice-president of our math class for this year. I have attended most of the Chickasaw Nation camps since I was eight years old. I am a member of the Chickasaw Nation Children's Choir, participated in the Chickasaw Nation Junior Olympics and was in the movie "Remember," made by the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia Department.

I love to play basketball and watch my brothers and cousins play fast pitch softball but what I like to do most is Jingle dance. I have been dancing since I was three years old. I have placed in the top three in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, Mississippi, Kansas and Colorado.

To be chosen for the Chickasaw Junior Princess for 2008-2009 would be a great honor and privilege and to represent my tribe by letting everyone know how much I respect what the Tribe has done for me. Helping me better my grades by rewarding me with gift cards, attending many camps which has helped me to be physically in shape and doing better in sports. The Chickasaw Nation has many other programs to help better your life. This is why I would like to represent the Chickasaw Nation by being your next Chickasaw Junior Princess.

Yakoke

Julie Underwood

Little Miss Chickasaw Candidates

Maegan Carney

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Maegan Ann Carney is the nine-year-old daughter of Richard and Angie Carney. She is a fourth grader at Jefferson Elementary School, Ardmore, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

I want to be the Little Miss Chickasaw Princess because I want to learn more about being Chickasaw. I believe it will be a great honor to be the Little Miss Chickasaw Princess. I want to go to new places and meet new people and make new friends. Also I would like to learn about other tribes.

Maegan Carney

Andrea Underwood

Andrea Underwood

Andrea Nicole Underwood is the seven-year-old daughter of Andrew Underwood and Nicole Hill. She is a second grader at Homer Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw because I love being Chickasaw and I like learning about my people and traditions from my family.

If I get to be Little Miss Chickasaw I would be very proud to represent my tribe and I think I would do a good job.

Andrea Underwood

Krysten Wallace

Krysten Wallace

Krysten Rachelle Wallace is the 10-year-old daughter of Jason and Kristi Wallace. She is a fourth grader at Washington Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

Holito,

My name is Krysten Rachelle Wallace. I'm 11/16 Chickasaw and Mississippi Choctaw. I'm 10-years-old and in the fourth grade at Washington Elementary in Ada. My parents are Jason and Kristi Wallace. My grandparents are Leo and Debra Poe and Joe and Hazel Wallace. My great-grandmother is Pauline Walker. I'm a member of Blue Baptist Church in Connerville, Okla.

My family and my church family are very important to me.

The main reason I would like to be the Little Miss Chickasaw Princess is because I believe that I would be a good role model to girls my age and for the Chickasaw Nation. It would also give me the opportunity to be able to travel, meet new people, and learn more about other tribes.

I'm always eager to learn new things and I believe if I'm chosen it will be a good learning experience for me. So if I'm chosen as the new 2008-2009 Little Miss Chickasaw Princess I will to the best of my ability demonstrate leadership, honor and loyalty to the Chickasaw Nation.

Chelsea Wedlow

Chelsea Wedlow

Chelsea Lynn Wedlow is the nine-year-old daughter of Maceo Wedlow and Rachel Stick Wedlow. She is a fourth-grade student at Allen Elementary School.

" Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

Chokma,

My name is Chelsea Lynn Wedlow. But my friends and family call me Sissy. I am a fourth grader at Allen School. The things I like to do are play ball, sing in the church choir, cook with my granny and go to Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli, the children speaking Chickasaw language club.

I attend church at Boiling Springs UMC. I think I would make a good princess because I am proud to be Chickasaw. My aunt and my mom were princesses and they told me what they did and how much fun they had. My family has taught me that when I stomp dance or sing Choctaw hymns that I am doing it for the old ones. I work hard and try my best to make them proud.

If I am picked as princess I will make the Chickasaw Nation proud.

Attendees to enjoy 'red ribbon tours'

Cultural Center to host traditional Cultural Evening

SULPHUR, Okla. - The upcoming Cultural Evening at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center will include dedication of a time capsule and a preview of the center, which is currently under construction.

The traditional Cultural Evening is set for Friday, October 3 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

"It is fitting that Cultural Evening is the first official event to be conducted at the Chickasaw Cultural Center," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This event will give Chickasaw people from across the country an opportunity to see this world-class facility which will help preserve the culture and heritage that binds us together as a people."

One item will be placed in the time capsule during the dedication ceremony. The time capsule will be officially sealed at the grand opening in 2009 and opened 50 years later.

"Chickasaw people have played a vital role in every aspect of building this facility," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The time capsule gives Chickasaws another opportunity to participate in the development of the Cultural Center."

Amanda Cobb-Greetham is administrator of the tribal Division of History and Culture, which will oversee the Cultural Center.

"This time capsule is designed to acknowledge, symbolize and commemorate the relationship between the Chickasaw Cultural Center and citizens," said Dr. Cobb-Greetham.

A time capsule collection booth will provide information and guidelines on submitting items for consideration for inclusion in the time capsule.

Because of limited space in the time capsule, there will be specific guidelines for submitting items for consideration.

Cultural Evening participants will also have the opportunity to take "red ribbon tours" of the facility.

Other events will include cultural demonstrations, stomp dance, and a presentation by the Chickasaw Living History Players.

Other highlights include a presentation by Chickasaw Head Start students and a children's activity area.

Events will begin with the traditional ringing of the bell and an invocation.

The event will include a traditional meal and gospel singing.

A variety of commemorative items will be available, including T-shirts, key chains and flashlights.

In the event of rain, Cultural Evening activities will move to the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 North Mississippi, Ada.

For more information contact Valorie Walters at (580) 436-7265 or email valorie.walters@chickasaw.net.vv

Annual Meeting and Festival begin September 27

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Mark your calendars!

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 20th Annual Chickasaw Festival will be September 27 through October 4 in Tishomingo, historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. Events are also scheduled in Ada and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the "State of the Nation" address during the Annual Meeting. The address will be at 9 a. m. Saturday, October 4 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC).

"The Annual Meeting and Festival give all Chickasaws and our families and friends from across the nation an opportunity to gather and celebrate our culture and history," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Immediately following the "State of the Nation" address, hundreds will line Tishomingo's Main Street to enjoy the festival parade. The parade line-up includes bands from many area schools and floats representing a wide variety of organizations and children's groups from across southern Oklahoma.

A wide variety of exciting events for festival goers of all ages will be offered during the festival, including the Chickasaw traditional lunch on the MSC campus, cultural and Dance Troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, a Chickasaw artists' exhibition, the Band Day Extravaganza, Chickasaw White House tours, a horseshoe tournament and more.

Saturday's festival events and activities are conducted throughout Tishomingo on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, MSC campus, Johnston County Sports Complex and other venues. A gospel singing will take place Saturday from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. on the capitol grounds' west lot. Local and professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain. Several Chickasaw authors will be on hand for book signings Friday and Saturday.

A wide variety of events for kids and families are scheduled throughout festival week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, the Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School, softball tournaments, a golf tournament at the new WinStar Golf Course, cultural tours and demonstrations at the capitol grounds, the Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, Youthful Celebration with new cultural make-and-take items, the senior arts and crafts sale, the JC Riding Club rodeo, and a Cultural Evening at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Other attractions for children include a petting zoo, pony rides and train rides in Pennington Park. The park will also have inflatable games and the Kids' Fun To Learn tent that includes face painting, crafts and several make-and-take projects. Children's activities are available Tuesday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 3 from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. and Saturday, Oct. 4 from noon - 5 p.m.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available below, and online at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Jr. Olympics	Tishomingo High School	Sept. 27	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 27	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Golf Tournament	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 27	9 a.m. – Until Finished 7:30 Registration
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Sept. 29	6 p.m.
Cultural School Tours and Demonstrations/ Youthful Celebration	Capitol Grounds	Sept. 30 –Oct. 3	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids' Fun to Learn Tent	Pennington Park	Sept. 30-Oct. 3	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 1-4	9 a.m.-2 p.m. 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards and Reception	MSC Ballroom	Oct. 2	6 p.m.
Cultural Evening activities begin	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.
Time Capsule Ceremony	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	5:45 p.m.
Cultural Evening Meal and Gospel Singing	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	6:10 p.m.
Note: In case of rain The Cultural Evening activities will be moved to the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada			
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Oct.3-4	8 p.m. – Until Finished
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women's & Men's)	Jo.Co.SportsComplex/ Tishomingo	Oct. 3-4	7 p.m. (Fri.)9 a.m. (Sat.)
Chickasaw Citizen Registration	Murray College/Student Center	Oct. 4	8 a.m.
Chickasaw Annual Meeting	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 4	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Southeastern Art Show and Market	Mickel & 9th	Oct. 3-4	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 5p.m.
Parade	Tishomingo Main Street	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School	Oct. 4	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 4	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	1 p.m.
Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 4	1 p.m. –5 p.m.
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 4	2 pm – 4 p.m.
Finals of Fast Pitch Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Oct. 5	9 a.m. - Until Finished

MSC = Murray State College • JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex • THS= Tishomingo High School

For information about the 2008 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival call 1-800-593-3356.